

The University Foundation at Sacramento State

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The University Foundation at Sacramento State Board of Directors Meeting

October 30, 2024 University Union, Pacific Suite

Members Present:

Alice Perez, Board Chair

Lora Anguay

Christine Ault

Margot Bach

Fred Baldini

Bernice Bass de Martinez, Chair, Governance

Sonney Chong

Colette Harris-Mathews

Devin Lavelle, SSAA Representative

Garry Maisel, Chair, Finance

Machelle Martin

Sue McGinty, Board Secretary

Ryan Murphy

Michael Reza

Ajay Singh

Randy Solorio

Pam Stewart

Holly Tiche, Past Board Chair

Tina Treis, Chair, Audit

Members Absent:

Nataly Andrade-Dominguez, Student Rep.

David Bugatto

Vanessa Guerra

David Lopez

Scott Syphax

Bud Travers

Luke Wood, President

Guests:

Tabitha Leeds, Senior Director of Acctg. Services

Tracy Newman, AVP of Development

Advancement Staff:

Tatiana Azad

Terance Daas

R. Paul Villaluz

Renee Siden

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

- a. Chair Alice Perez called the meeting to order at 3:53 p.m.
- b. The agenda for the October 30, 2024 meeting was approved, no abstentions. (Bernice Bass de Martinez/Fred Baldini)
- c. There were no public comments
- d. The Board approved the consent calendar, consisting of the following items:
 - i. June 6, 2024 board meeting minutes
 - ii. Appoint Ryan Murphy as Board Vice Chair

iii. Ratify the board vote to approve the audit (Pam Stewart/Tina Treis)

Those that approved the audit via email vote: Tina Treis, Garry Maisel, Randy Solorio, Sue McGinty, Sonney Chong, Margot Bach, Colette Harris-Mathews, Machelle Martin, Bernice Bass de Martinez, Alice Perez, Fred Baldini, Vanessa Guerra, Christine Ault, Lora Anguay, Pam Stewart and Ajay Singh

Those that abstained from the vote: Devin Lavelle, David Bugatto and David Lopez

2. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee Update (Garry Maisel)
 - i. The board voted to approve the June 30, 2024 Financial Statements (Maisel/Margot Bach)
 - ii. Garry shared that as of June 30, 2024 our return of 14.3% on investments was at the top of nineteen universities across the country that reported
 - iii. Investment Task Force recommendations
 - 1. The board discussed the task force memo at the retreat.
 - 2. A motion was made to not accept the Task Force recommendations in full but to direct the Finance Committee to formalize a revised investment policy that reflects socially responsible investment principles based on the University's mission, values and principles. (Maisel/Ryan Murphy)
- b. Executive Committee Update (Perez)
 - i. Perez reviewed the UFSS Dashboard
 - ii. President's Circle Perez asked the board to consider becoming a member if they weren't already
 - iii. Giving Tuesday takes place in November please participate
 - iv. Refer to the important date section of the Dashboard please put these dates on your calendar
- c. Audit Committee Update (Tina Treis)
 - i. Met with the auditors to review the audit
 - 1. Unmodified clean audit
 - 2. Very short timeline to get the information to the CSU
 - 3. Next step is the annual tax forms which will be reviewed by the audit committee
- d. Governance Committee Update (Bernice Bass de Martinez)
 - A significant number of board members will be terming out in the next few years

- ii. Approved the Governance process for board nominations (Bass de Martinez/Margot Bach)
- 3. Advancement Update (Michael Reza)
 - a. Perez introduced Michael Reza as the new VP of University Advancement
 - b. Michael shared his current priorities with the board
 - c. Alice and Michael will be scheduling 2:1 meetings with all of the board members
- 4. Other Business none
- 5. Meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m. (Devin Lavelle/Sonney Chong)

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The University Foundation promotes philanthropy to provide a level of excellence at the University beyond what is possible through state funds.